Home Agent's Notes

By Mrs. B. G. Anderson
Home Demonstration Agent

As we preview the fabric picture for spring, 1956, according to current magazines, we note the following trends.

The return of silk as a high fashion fabric. For many years there has been a noticeable lack of silk fabrics in wearing apparel. Today there are silks for every occasion. Prints for spring and summer dresses, silk suitings, silk blends, surahs, taffetas, crepes, satins, and silk sheers such as chiffon and organdy. Newest of all are the tweeds of all-silk, or silk, combined with wool, or some other fiber. Diagonal weaves, hop-sacking, homespuns, linen-like weaves, raw silks, and tussahs are making their appearances now. Many of these are imported from Italy.

The Highlight is Texture

Whether it be dress, suit or coat fabrics, the news is the "linen-like" look. This use of thick and thin yards, whatever the fiber, creates an interesting surfaced fabric. Slightly on the heavier side, these materials lend themselves very well to the slim silhouettes in dresses, coats and suits. Linen, rayon, silk and other fibers are used singly or in combination to achieve the "linen-like" texture.

Suit and coat fabrics are lightly textured worsteds with a dry, crisp feel. There are fine textured tweeds, yarn dye flannels and blended fabrics (wool or worsteds with silk). Also whip cords, coverts (shades of grandmother), cotton brocades (upholstery type fabrics) and burlap, homespun and hopsacking.

Not to be forgotten is the currently popular knit look in many fabrics, often with a lacey effect.

The Delicate, Pretty Look

Figured fabrics are in the fashion picture again. Old - fashioned foulards, Oriental inspired prints, big and little plaids, hound's tooth and other checks, stripes and fancy dobby weaves. Many brushed and hand-painted effects are seen in floral designs as well as warp-printed taffetas.

Designs achieved by jacquard weaves, brocades, embroidery, embroidered laces, etc. contribute to the picture of pretty fabrics. These are particularly nice in cotton and they are so easy to sew.

It's a long time since chiffon and organza have been used in afternoon dresses. Teen-agers could hardly cope with fabrics as sheer as these, but it is nice to know that sheers are back in style. The vogue for Saris this past winter started a whole trend for sheer fabrics in dresses, blouses, negligees, etc.

Color Scope

The color wheel for spring is a lopsided affair, for it is heavily weighed on one side. There has been a trend to the beiges and browns during the past year, and now this family of colors is really in command of the situation. Colors vary in names. The light tints are being called blond, vanilla, beige, bisque. Somewhat darker tones are appropriately labelled natural, cocoa, copper, light- chocolate, taupe, brown. If you are calorie minded, shades of honey, apricot, orange, cinnamon, should be easy to visualize.

The blue family is important, too. Starting with navy, we see the blue green, teal, peacock, and turquoise, with baby blue striving for attention. An old relative, periwinkle blue has come back to life. It is so long since periwinkle blue has been popular, it looks positively new.

No spring would be spring without some red. This year rose color is being revived. (No doubt to wear with your rose-colored glasses!) The tints of pink are charming and flattering, too.

To complement the red shades, there are the greens, moss, sea, avocado, blue and emerald. As a balance and a contract to the array of the spectrum, the return of black as a strong contender is news. Black and white is always a smart combination.

Synthetics Travel Well

With the coming of the new fabrics that resist wrinkling and spotting, launder easily with little or no ironing, the problem of traveling by rail, plane or car has been simplified. There are sport weaves and tailored fabrics as well as dressy sheers for afternoon or evening wear. Most of the man-made fibers or other synthetics. Rayon and silk, orlon and cotton, rayon and orlon, silk with orlon, Dacron and cotton, silk and acetate, are just a few examples. These stay-fresh easily-packed and easily-cared-for fabrics are available in retail piece goods departments for the woman who sews at home.

Many new man made fabrics are in the experimental stage and are about to dawn upon the public. One being talked about now is Arnel, produced by Celanese Corporation of America. It is a tri-acetate and differs from the regular cellulose acetate. Arnel is a wash-and-wear fabric that can be machine-washed and tumble-dried. It resists heat, holds pleats, shape and texture.

Finishes and Fashion

Spring and summer fashions demand fabrics which will hold their shape, will not soil readily and will be easy to care for. We have mentioned the reliability of tht manmade fibers in this respect and their use in blending with natural fibers to make durable fabrics.

These are many new and old finishes which when applied to fabrics increase their usefulness and improve their appearance. Some of the oldest finishes were designed to improve the appearance and make the fabric more saleable. Bleaching, dying, napping, printing, sizing, sponging, weighing certainly improve appearance of a fabric. Mercerizing - another old-time finish—cotton is treated to strong caustic soda under tension to give a high luster and also to improve wearing qualities.

Of recent years, fabrics have been treated with many processes to increase their usefulness and render them easier to care for. Sanfordize — controlled shrinkage of cottons, and Bellmanize — permanent starchless finish for organdy —have been in use for some time. Now we find: Sanfordan, controlled shrinkage for wool. Mitin —durable moth proofing for all wool or blends. Everglaze—a permanent luster for cotton. Sanlasheen —a "silk" finish for cotton. Crease - resistant finishes are now applied to practically all types of fabrics. Trade names include Maxi-Set, Vitalized, Tebelized, Vita-Perm, Wrinkle Shed.

Finishes which facilitate washing and make for little or no pressing are Minicare, EZ Care.

Fabrics can be treated to be odor resistant, mildew resistant, anti-slip, anti-wilt, antiseptic, and air-conditioned.

Aridex, Neva-wet, Awua-Sec, Sylmer, Cravenette, Impregnole, Zelon, are all trademarks applied to making cloth water resistant, also resistant to perspiration, stains, etc.

A new anti-flame finish for cotton and rayon is called Proban.

Important to acetate manufacturers is Baldara, a finish for acetate satin which carries on the hangtag—"Gas fast, colorfast, perspiration resistant and shrink controlled."

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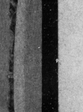

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Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Jan. 31.- Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Jones and sons were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Walton and Mr. and Mrs. George Carson Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cyrus visited Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cyrus, Jr., Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Walton recently visited her father, Mr. Davis, of Dillwyn.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Almond were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ashworth last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Jones and sons were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kinkle Martin Sunday.

The Spout Spring Home Demonstration Club held its regular monthly meeting in the school cafeteria Wednesday, Jan. 25. After the business session, Mrs. Ernest Harwood gave a very interesting demonstration on rug making.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Chaubolels and daughter, Carrie, of Roanoke, were week-end guests of Mr. Ernest Smith and Mrs. Georgia Schindler.

Mrs. George Richardson, of Lynchburg visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moon last Thursday.

Mrs. D. P. Moon, who has been on the sick list for several weeks, is improving.

Senator Kefauver has announced that he would enter Wisconsin's Democratic Presidential primary on April 3.

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Pamplin Vicinity

Pamplin Vicinity, Jan. 31.- Mr. and Mrs. John Staton and children, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Junior Taylor visited Mr. and Mrs. Clay Taylor during the week- end.

Mrs. Andy Anderson and little daughter, Audrey Lee, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Juddy Clover have returned to their home in Albany, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Caldwell, of Lynchburg visited Miss Flora Belle Williams this week-end.

Mrs. Bessie Ferguson spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Ferguson. While there they all visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ferguson, of Madison Heights Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baldwin and son, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sprouse and children, of Sprouse's Corner all visited Mrs. E. F. Baldwin during the week-end.

Bobby Dowdy, of Richmond is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Hubbard.

Mr. Roy Tolley, who has been a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Hubbard visited Mrs. E. A. Meadows, of ville, who is sick at this writ

Miss Marie Tolley, of Ly visited her parents, Mr. an Clarence Tolley during the end.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Bush children, of Richmond spen week-end with her parents, Mrs. Robert Tolley.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Ford of Evergreen visited Mr. Dillard Ferguson during the end.

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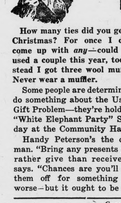

From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

New Future For Your Present

How many ties did you get for Christmas? For once I didn't come up with *any*—could have used a couple, though. Instead I got three wool mufflers. Never wear a muffler.

Some people are determined to do something about the Useless Gift Problem—they're holding a "White Elephant Party" Saturday at the Community Hall.

Handy Peterson's the chairman. "Bring any presents you'd rather give than receive," he says. "Chances are you'll swap them off for something even worse—but it ought to be fun."

From where I sit, it's sometimes pretty hard to give a man exactly the present he wants. Other people so often have tastes and preferences that differ from our own—for example, think of all the people you know who claim coffee's *the* beverage, and all the others (like me) who'd rather have a glass of beer. Being able to make your own choice is the greatest "gift" of all.

Joe Marsh

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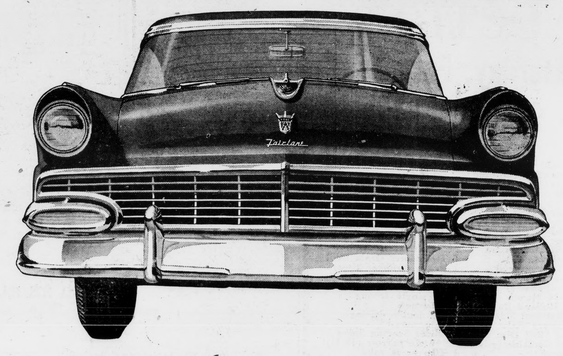

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Colored Dots

general public is invited to the first anniversary of the Wonder Singers of the Land Baptist Church this evening at 7:30, at the Land Church. Several quarhave been invited to take s in the program. The local of Harmony, the Heavenly from Naruna, the Royal ts, are among the invited list. local County Teachers' Asion will hold its regular ly meeting this Monday evenFebruary 6, at 4:30 instead of M. All teachers are asked to d this meeting.

public is asked to attend the preaching services at the Baptist Church this at the 11:30 service.

local churches in the comity are asked to send repreives to the meeting of the at the Carver - Price on the second Sunday in this th at 4 P. M.

M. J. Price left Wednesday special meeting of local suers of schools in Richmond.

and Mrs. R. Q. Lawing and and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lawspent Sunday in Norfolk, Va., guests of their daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Evan Fleshand family.

Jacqueline Lawing and Mr. mond Poteat, of Baltimore the semester break here with parents, Rev. and Mrs. Lawing. Tobin and Rosevelt Wright, Baltimore spent the week-end the guests of Mrs. Lucy

tend the church of your choice this Sunday morning.

A large crowd attended the Cornerstone Sunday School Union. The president, Rev. T. M. Venerable, of Norfolk, was present. The officers now serving were eletced except two. Second vice - president now is Mr. C. R. Spencer; assistant Secretary Miss Fay Spencer. Rev. A. F. Brown, pastor of the Hat Creek Church, preached a great sermon, on The Lost Coin and The Lost Sheep. The program was greatly enjoyed. Out-of-town visitors were Mrs. Alto Haggins and Mrs. Ella Peoples, from Washington, D. C.; Mr. Luke Hamlette, Baltimore, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hamlette, Danville, Va. The offering was $96.45.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Canada and little granddaughter, Ramona, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murtain Haskins, Pamplin, Regular preaching services will be held at the St. Luke Baptist Church Sunday, Feb. 5.

Vice President Nixon recently said that he had detected a "decided increase in optimism" among President Eisenhower's friends that he would be a candidate again.

Major advances by medical science in recent years, including new drugs and research, have yielded potent new weapons with which to combat mental ill health.

Cut surplus first is the new farm policy.

Minnesota chiefs plan to enter President in primary.

Californians outline plans for 1960 Olympics.

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Clover Hill

Clover Hill, Jan. 31.- Mr. W. W. Paulette, of Charlottesville, spent the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. Wilson Paulette, and on Sunday accompanied her to Charlotte Court House to visit her brother, Claude Tucker, who has been quite ill.

Mrs. Berkley Ferguson attended the funeral of Mrs. Charlie Agee, at Alcoma, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralphh Hansen and son, Kenneth, of Pulaski, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Trent. Mrs. Hansen will remain with her parents for the entire week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson, and children, Mary Camm, Robert and Richard, of Shipman, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Carter.

Mrs. Jacob Lewis and Luther and Katherine Lewis attended a M. V. meeting in Roanoke Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vaughan, of Farmville visited in the Jacob Lewis home Sunday.

Miss Lucy O'Brien, of Lynchburg and Mrs. William Copenhaver, of Richmond spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gills.

Mr. Gene Torrence continues ill in Memorial Hospital, Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bondurant and son, Jimmy, of Lynchburg were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Bondurant's sister, Mrs. Charles Torrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hemmer, of Detroit, Michigan arrived here Sunday to spend some time with Mrs. Hemmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hanenkrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kidd and son, Jimmy, en route from Washington to their home at Damascus, stopped here Sunday for a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Kidd. Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Kidd on Monday were Mrs. C. B. Petty, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Petty Jr. and children, Tom and Kay, of Shores, Va.

The U. S. Anartic expedition is ahead of schedule.

Appomattox is a growing town.

PLANNED FEEDING WILL HOLD DOWN MILK FLAVORS

A good feeding schedule in the dairy barn will prevent a lot of off-flavors in milk during the winter months.

Dairy husbandmen at VPI say there are several things a farmer can do to keep milk quality up in cold weather.

Give strong feeds, like silage, after milking, not just before, to get rid of most feed flavors in the milk. It's also important to keep feeds cleaned up so there is not a lot of odor around the barn. Most off-flavors get into the milk through the cow after she breathes the toofragrant air.

Ventilation is the best remedy for ordinary barn odors. Even if you don't have a modern ventilating system in the barn, open windows help. For cold weather, fix the windows so they can be tilted in at the top, but put up side protectors to prevent drafts on the animals.

Milk cooling is as important in winter as in summer. Milk utensils can cause off-flavors, too, if they aren't clean. That means you need a milkhouse where you can wash and sterilize the utensils after every milking. And remove the milk from the barn to the milkhouse as soon as possible after milking.

WELL, WELL!

Traverse City, Mich.- Hart Stuart dropped his new glass fly rod overboard while fishing on Torch Lake last summer and gave it up for lost. However, while ice-skating over 20 feet of water recently, he spotted the rod. With the help of a companion, he cut a hole and fished it out—rod, reel and line.

HITS WRONG CAR

Dallas, Texas.- Skidding on an icy street proved disastrous for Richard W. Williams, Jr., 37. His newly - acquired car skidded and sideswiped a passing police car. When the patrolman overtook Williams 1½ blocks later, they identified him as a former Leavenworth inmate, who has served four terms for car theft. The car he was driving had been stolen.

KITTY TAKES RIDE

Corte Madera, Cal.- Mrs. Dora Blunden couldn't understand why everybody laughed as she drove along the street. Finally, she pulled up to a curb, got out and looked at her car. Along for the ride, on top of the car, was Mrs. Blunden's Siamese cat.

PASTOR, SISTER DIE SAME DAY

St. Petersburg, Florida.- The Rev. Julius M. Walker, 68, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church was bending over the body of his sister, Miss Lydia F. Walker, who had just died of a heart attack, when he, too, was stricken. He died shortly thereafter.

REALLY MIXED UP

Tampa, Fla.- A tourist police met here recently was really mixed up. He was going the wrong way on the wrong street in the wrong city. Stopped by police, the man explained he thought he was on Highway No. 1 in Jacksonville.

RETIRES: DIES

Bonham, Texas.- Cecil Ruark, 70, resigned as county jailer "to take things easy." Turning in his keys, he said goodbye to fellow officers, and, to celebrate, he went hunting with his son, Johnny, that afternoon. The father and son were only a few miles south of Bonham when the elder Ruark dropped dead of a heart attack.

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Next week is National Boy Scout Week.

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